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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University has urged the Government for establishment of New Krishi Vigyan Kendras in six districts of Andhra Pradesh to help tobacco farmers to adopt alternative cropping system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the extent to which the Government have agreed to help tobacco farmers particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University has requested for establishment of new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in six districts of Andhra Pradesh, viz., Khammam, Adilabad, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Cuddapah and Krishna.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 16 KVKs in the State including two in Kurnool district. The functioning of the KVK located at Nandyal, Kurnool district, with the university has been readjusted to take up its activities in the adjoining Cuddapah district. The council has also sanctioned for strengthening the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) of the university to take up the additional function of KVK in three districts including Adilabad and Prakasam.The proposal for establishment of a KVK in Krishna district has been agreed in principle.

(d) Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry has recommended various alternative crops of various combinations including cereals, oilseeds, pulses, vegetables and cash crops under different farming systems of Krishna and adjoining districts of Khammam and Prakasam.